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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

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**RELATING TO REORGANIZATION OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET**

WHEREAS, the efficiency of government and more effective performance of functions of the agencies comprising the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet will be enhanced by establishing a reorganization plan for the Office of Insurance and the Office of Workers' Claims; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is constitutionally and statutorily empowered to transfer regulatory authority of workers' compensation self-insured groups from the Office of Workers' Claims to the Office of Insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ernie Fletcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, under the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS §§ 12.028 and 342.350(4), do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

- I. The Office of Workers' Claims will transfer all authority to regulate self-insured workers' compensation groups to the Office of Insurance. Except as otherwise provided, the Executive Director of the Office of Insurance shall have exclusive control and direction over all the duties, functions, and responsibilities previously exercised by the Executive Director for the Office of Workers' Claims relating to workers' compensation self-insurance groups. All authority, functions and responsibilities relevant to workers' compensation self-insurance groups previously vested in the Executive Director of the Office of Workers' Claims are hereby transferred to the Executive Director of

the Office of Insurance, who shall use the authority, functions and responsibilities to carry out the regulation of workers' compensation self-insurance groups in accordance with both the mandates of KRS 342 (Workers' Compensation Act) and the provisions of KRS 304 (Insurance Code).

II. All duties, records, and equipment of the Office of Workers' Claims currently assigned to regulate workers' compensation self-insured groups are hereby transferred to the Office of Insurance.

III. The Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Office of Workers' Claims and Office of Insurance shall take all necessary action to effectuate this Order.

This Order is effective this third day of August, 2004.


BERNIE FLETCHER
Governor


TREY GRADY
Secretary of State